Hillcrest Avenue Sewer Replacement

Contractors working for the City of Lynchburg are involved in heavy construction in several areas

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throughout the City. In response to calls inquiring about the work and in an effort to keep citizens informed, you are receiving this newsletter providing information about the construction in your neighborhood. We hope you find this information helpful.

The contractor, Counts & Dobyns, Inc. will be starting construction work this month. This project involves the off road replacement of the sanitary sewer main in the ravine between Patrick Street and Page Street. Excavation and replacement of the sanitary sewer will begin about 400 feet off road below the intersection of Patrick Street and Lovell Street and will continue up the ravine behind the 400, 300 and 200 blocks of Patrick Street through the City storage yard and under Hillcrest Avenue. The final section of sewer will be replaced to a point about 60 feet above Hillcrest Avenue. While the pipe laying is being initiated at the lower end of the project another crew will be boring to place a carrier pipe for the sewer line under Hillcrest Avenue This work is scheduled to be completed in 3 months therefore it should be completed by mid March 2005.

The following work activities will be taking place during this project:

- Mobilization of equipment and materials to bore under Hillcrest Ave.
- Mobilization of equipment and materials at the intersection of Patrick St. and Lovell St.
- Clearing of trees and underbrush along the construction corridor.
- Set up of bypass pump system for existing sewer line so pipe can be replaced.
- Excavation and placement of the new sewer line.

If the contractor encounters rock in excavation for pipe placement they may have to blast it or use a mechanical hoeram to break the rock to place the pipe at the required depth. If blasting is required, you may notice the sound and vibration similar to the vibration from lightning of a nearby thunderstorm. The contractor and inspectors are using seismographs to record the magnitude of every blast. The blasting procedures are designed to maximize the safety of the workers and citizens, and to protect the personal property around the blast site. We will conduct pre-blast surveys to record the condition of structures within 250 feet of a blast. The contractor will notify the residents in the immediate proximity of the blast each day that blasts will occur.

THE AIR HORN BLAST WARNING SYSTEM WILL BE POSTED AND READS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 LONG HORN 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE BLAST
- 1 SHORT HORN 1 MINUTE PRIOR TO THE BLAST
- 1 LONG HORN AFTER THE BLAST TO SIGNAL ALL CLEAR

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this construction. We urge residents to be cautious and keep children away from construction equipment and materials. Should you have any questions, please call any of the telephone numbers listed below.